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CONFIDENTIAL CITE CIA-P-165. THE FOLLOWING IS FROM THE
CIA/IMAGERY ANALYSIS DIVISION:

1. CONTINUING ANALYSIS OF PHOTOGRAPHIC MISSION UE/RT 320,
DATED 1 MAY 1966, HAS REVEALED A REPAIR FACILITY, PROBABLY NAVAL,
UNDER CONSTRUCTION ON AN UNNAMED ISLAND APPROXIMATELY 1.6 NAUTICAL
MILES SOUTH OF HA TOU, NORTH VIETNAM AT UTM COORDINATES YG 238159.

2. THIS FACILITY, IN THE LATE STAGES OF CONSTRUCTION, IS
LOCATED IN A NATURAL LOW AREA WHICH, UNTIL RECENTLY WAS LAND-
LOCKED. THIS LOW AREA HAS BEEN CLEARED AND DEEPENED SLIGHTLY
WITH THE SPOIL BEING DUMPED IN THE MIDDLE, FORMING A BASIN WITH A
MAN MADE ISLAND. TIDAL ACTION APPARENTLY IS UTILIZED TO FLOOD THE
BASIN, WITH A FLOATING CAISSON-TYPE WATERTIGHT GATE CONTROLLING
THE WATER. THE ABUTMENTS FOR THE GATE APPEAR TO BE OF MASONRY
CONSTRUCTION. CAMOUFLAGE NETTING HAS BEEN PLACED OVER THE WATER-
TIGHT GATE AREA. NINE POSITIONS, EACH APPROXIMATELY 80 FEET LONG
ARE SPACED ALONG THE CIRCULAR CHANNEL FORMED BY THE ISLAND. KEEL
BLOCKS ARE IN PLACE IN SIX OF THE NINE POSITIONS.

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